Agricultural production programme

743. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main objective of the agricultural production programme is to provide remunerative prices to the farmers for their agricultural produce;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a strong demand from farmers against the declared price of agricultural products;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a strong demand from the State Governments and Farmers Forum to pay remunerative prices to the farmers for their agricultural produce; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to see that farmers get remunerative prices for their agricultural produce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The main objective of the agricultural production programme is to meet the needs of the population of the country and providing remunerative prices to the farmers is one of the tools to see that pace of production is kept up with the minimum needs of the population.

(b) There is no general discontentment among farmers against the declared minimum support/procurement prices of agricultural produce.

(c) From time to time, there have been demands from some States and Farmers' forum regarding payment of more remunerative prices to the farmers in respect of agricuitural commodities.

(d) The Government announce each season minimum support/procurement prices for major agricultural commodities after taking into conideration the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, the views of the State Governments and the concerned Central Ministries and also organise purchase operations through public agencies.

Drought situation in various States

744. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that States like Gujarat, Maharashtra and others are facing severe drought this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government like Gujarat and Maharashtra have asked for the Central assistance to meet drought situation;

(c) if so, what are the demands of the different State Governments to meet the drought situation; and

(d) the amount of money which has been paid to the States to meet the drought situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Mizoram, Pondicherry, have reported drought conditions during the year 1985-86 and sought Central assistance to meet the situation.

(c) and (d) A Statement showing the State-wise details of Central assistance sought and sanctioned so far, for drought relief during 1985-86 is indicated in Annexure-I. (*See* below).

Statement

Statement showing the Central Assistance sought by the States and Sanctioned by Government of India for drought during 1985-86

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	State		Sought by State	Sanctioned by Govt. of India	Remarks
1	2		3	4	5
1	Andhdra Pradesh	I	47.30	30.80	
		II	345.00 462.00	*	*Report of the Team has since been received. Sanction will be issued shortly.
2	Gujarat		356.98 +48.32 Loan	*	*Central Team's Report is awaited
3	Himachal Pradesh		102 21	16.46	
4	Haryana		64.57	9.21	
5	Jammu & Kashmir		30.50	4.12	
6	Karnataka	I	89.05	22.16	
		II	150.88	31.15	
7	Maharashtra	I	102.84	34.50	
		II	561.53	*	*Central Team has been visiting the State from 19-11-85
8	Madhya Pradesh	I	93.17	26.04	
		II	78.18	13.70	
		III	106.07	*	*Central Teams' Report is awaited.
9	Punjab		20.03	8.14	
10	Rajasthan	I	70.17	25 87	
		II	579.38	*	*Central Team's Report is awaited.
11	Uttar Pradesh		543.53	51.78	
12	Mizoram		0.72	0.24	
13	Pondicherry		2.67	1.19	
		TOTAL		275 96	